

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
December 20, 2007
Minutes**

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Vice-Chair, Christopher Kueffner, Secretary, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Mark LaPlaca, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin,
Absent: Gary Bent

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Ms Feathers, Vice Chair.

II. Executive Session – School Security Procedures with CT State Troopers, town and school administrative staff – **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Dr. Patwa to move into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to return to open session at 7:55 p.m.

III. Election of Officers – **MOTION** by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Dr. Patwa to nominate Ms Feathers as Chair. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. Ms Feathers appointed Dr. Patwa as Vice-Chair. **MOTION** by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Hamlin to nominate Mr. Kueffner as Secretary. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

IV. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. Hamlin to approve the minutes of the 11-8-07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

V. Hearing for Visitors – None

VI. Communications – Thank you notes from Beth Latino, 2008 Teacher of the Year for the Board's support at the annual Teacher of the Year Ceremonies.

VII. Addition to Present Agenda – None.

VIII. Committee Reports – Ms Feathers reported that the Board Workshop with Robert Rader, Executive Director, CAGE was successful and the Board was requesting RFP's from search consultants for the superintendent search.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **Language Arts Curriculum** – **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve the Language Arts curriculum that was presented by Judy Shay, Reading/Language Arts Consultant and Debra Adamczyk, Goodwin School Principal. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- B. **SSP Discussion** – The Superintendent, Mr. Baruzzi and Dr. Leclerc reviewed the 2006-2007 Strategic School Profile.
- C. **Class Size/Enrollment** – The building principals reported no significant change in school enrollments.
- D. **Personnel** – **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to accept retirements effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year of Eliana Bar-Shalom, Speech Pathologist, Vinton School; Robert DeBari, School Psychologist, Goodwin

School; Katherine Facchinetti, Support Services Teacher, Southeast School; Sharon McGrath, Grade Three Teacher, Goodwin School; Shirley Reilly, Grade Three Teacher, Goodwin School and to approve requests for leave from Rochelle Marcus, Grade Seven Language Arts teacher, Mansfield Middle School for maternity and unpaid childrearing leave beginning in March 2008 for the remainder of the school year and from Laura Toffenetti for a leave of absence for the 2008-2009 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

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- VIII.** Hearing for Visitors – None
- IX.** Suggestions for Future Agenda – None
- X.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. Hamlin to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk